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SUBJECT: SAG NOTES POSSIBLE PROBLEMATIC AREAS IN INDIAN  
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

REF: A. STATE 74896

[1](#)B. VIENNA 392

Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Perry Ball. Reasons 1.4(  
b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) In response to reftel demarche, Department of Foreign  
Affairs Deputy Director: Nuclear Disarmament and  
Non-Proliferation Michiel Combrink said that the South  
African Government (SAG) was "studying" the proposed India  
Safeguards Agreement, but strongly hinted that the SAG is  
inclined to support it. Combrink noted three "problematic  
areas" in the Agreement that might raise difficulties at the  
IAEA Board of Governors meeting:

-- the financial implications of the agreement, which  
Combrink believes "can be managed" through discussions;

-- the language on "corrective measures," which Combrink  
suggested is "far more complex" and could be seen to  
undermine the basic principle of safeguards in perpetuity; and

-- the lack of information on the separation plan, which raises questions about India's long-term plans.

Combrink noted that the "corrective measures" issue may present even more difficulties during the Nuclear Suppliers Group meeting.

¶2. (C) While noting these areas of concern, Combrink was quick to stress that the SAG is unlikely to raise these issues at the IAEA or NSG meetings, but believed that others might, and that intensive U.S. engagement with key countries was critical. Combrink said that the SAG believes "we cannot afford a divided vote" at the IAEA Board meeting, which would give the "wrong impression" to the Indian opposition parties; neither can "we afford a prolonged NSG discussion."

¶3. (C) Combrink confirmed that Ambassador Abdul Minty will represent the SAG at the August 1 Board meeting.  
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